

## ADULT SERVICES

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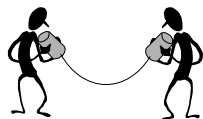
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### Statewide Services

The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall develop innovative approaches and access technologies to promote deaf education, both on and off campus; pursue research for effective strategies; and provide needs-based programs and services for adult clients which will greatly benefit North Dakota citizens, of any age, who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



## Mission Statement:

*"...to provide an environment in which individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can access the services and support that they may need to become and remain integrated, productive citizens of the state."*

## WE SERVE...

North Dakotans who are:

- ❖ Deaf
- ❖ Hard of Hearing
- ❖ Late-deafened
- ❖ Seniors with hearing loss

Family members of those with hearing loss

Public and private service providers

Employers and Businesses

Individuals and Community groups



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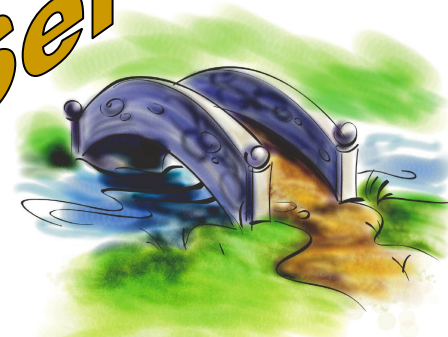
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## RESOURCE CENTER FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

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The Adult Services Program at the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NDSD/RCDHH) advocates on behalf of people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to promote opportunity and independence. NDSD/RCDHH shall strive to:

- ❖ ensure that communication and services are accessible
- ❖ increase awareness of needs of people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to the general public

## Information and Consultation

NDSD/RCDHH maintains a central location for resources on hearing loss that include:

- ❖ lists of community, state and national organizations that provide services to people with hearing loss including: assistive technology providers, information regarding sign language interpreters and captioning providers
- ❖ general information about deafness, self-advocacy and communication needs
- ❖ information on compliance regarding the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA); rights of individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing as well as responsibilities of service providers

## Educational Presentations

NDSD/RCDHH conducts training sessions to increase the public's awareness of hearing loss, the availability of assistive technology devices and the importance of communicative accessibility for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Presentation topics may include:

- ❖ speech reading (lip reading) strategies
- ❖ communication rights of individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- ❖ how to obtain and work with a sign language interpreter
- ❖ types of assistive technologies including use of videophones and relay services
- ❖ impact of hearing loss and communication tips
- ❖ overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act and compliance
- ❖ American Sign Language and Deaf Culture
- ❖ how to make a home 'visually' accessible
- ❖ job seeking and retention skills



## Assistive Technology

NDSD/RCDHH maintains an assistive technology center to demonstrate the following devices: amplified or text telephones, amplified ringers, phone flashers, baby monitor systems, fire and smoke alarms, F-M systems, doorbell flashers as well as other alerting devices for the home or work environment.

## Library Resources

The library/media center at the NDSD/RCDHH offers a comprehensive collection of books, magazines and audio-visuals on an array of deafness-related topics including: Deaf Culture, ADA law and civil rights, deaf education, American Sign Language stories and interpreting literature. These resources are available for loan through the NDSD/RCDHH library. The librarian may be contacted at: 701-665-4433.

The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall provide a continuum of non-duplicative services and shall collaborate with stakeholders and service providers to identify and meet existing and changing needs and to provide appropriate responsive services to all North Dakotans with hearing loss.